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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP FISHERY UPDATE

Sitka . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information to assist harvesters and processors involved in the Southeast Alaska pot shrimp fishery. This notification is for information only and is expected to change as the fishing fleet moves from previously closed districts. Specific closure announcements will generally occur for each district two or three days prior to the closure. Catch estimates are as of October 11, 2012. The next shrimp pot update will occur on **Friday, October 19, 2012.**

District 1: Estimated harvest: 25,000 pounds, 25,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season could close between October 18 and October 23.

District 2: Estimated harvest: 53,000 pounds, 12,000 pounds remaining. **District 2 will close at 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 15.**

Section 3-A: Estimated harvest: 78,000 pounds, 17,000 pounds remaining. **Section 3-A will close at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 16.**

Section 3-B/C: Estimated harvest: 8,000 pounds, 22,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season could close between October 22 and October 31.

District 4: No reported harvest. The GHLL is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close on February 28, 2013.

District 5: No reported harvest. The GHLL is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close on February 28, 2013.

District 6: Estimated harvest: 38,000 pounds. **District 6 will close at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 11.**

District 7: Estimated harvest: 52,000 pounds. The preseason GHLL is 63,700 pounds. District 7 is being managed under experimental inseason management. The preliminary survey results and analysis of inseason fishery data to date indicate that an increase of the preseason GHLL is likely warranted. The final determination will be made October 12. Accurate closure dates cannot be estimated until an inseason GHLL is determined; however, it is expected District 7 could close between October 14 and 19.

District 8: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season could close between October 20 and October 31.

District 9: Estimated harvest: 14,000 pounds. **District 9 will close at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 11.**

District 10: Reported harvest: 38,000 pounds. **District 10 closed October 9.**

District 11-Seymour Canal: Reported harvest: 22,000 pounds. **Seymour Canal closed October 8.**

District 11-Remainder of District: Estimated harvest: 4,300 pounds, 3,200 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season could close between October 15 and October 18.

District 12-Tenakee: Closed.

District 12-Remainder of District: Closed.

Section 13-A/B: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 15,000 pounds. It is estimated that the season could close between December 1 and December 15.

Section 13-C: Estimated harvest: 26,000 pounds. Section 13-C closed October 4.

District 14: Estimated harvest: 2,300 pounds, 7,700 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season could close between November 1 and November 15.

District 15: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 15,000 pounds.

District 16: No reported harvest. The GHL is 15,000 pounds.

Number of boats, week 41 (Oct 7-13). Data compiled October 11.															
District	1	2	3A	3B/C	4	5	6	7	8	9	11RoD	14	13A/B	15	16
Boats	14	11	16	4	0	0	7	9	*	6	4	*	6	*	0

\*Confidential

No reported effort: District 16

Closed: Districts 10, 11S, 12, 13-C

All commercial shrimp fishermen are required to notify the department within two business days of deploying gear and within two business days after ceasing fishing in a district, or portion of a district, with a GHL. Catcher/Processor and Catcher/Seller vessels must call the Fish and Game area office that manages the district they are fishing and report catch information between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. once per week by 12:00 noon each Wednesday, every week they conduct fishing operations.

If warranted, the department may re-open a district 14 days after a closure, with a four-day notice. The estimate for when a district is to close may be highly variable. The redistribution of effort as the season progresses may greatly influence the daily harvest rates in districts.

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